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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA

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Tom Brady, Drew Brees, Vincent Jackson, Ben : Civil Action No. _____
Leber, Logan Mankins, Peyton Manning, Von :
Miller, Brian Robison, Osi Umenyiora, and Mike :
Vrabel, individually, and on behalf of all others :
similarly situated : Declaration of Neil Cornrich
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Plaintiffs, :
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vs. :
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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE, et al., :
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Defendants.

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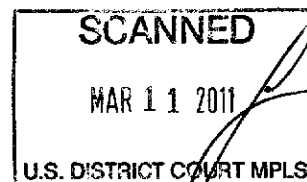
Neil Cornrich declares under penalty of perjury, as follows:

1. I am a player agent and President of NC Sports, LLC. I have been a player agent for over twenty-five years, and have represented approximately 125 NFL players and have negotiated over 315 contracts.

2. I currently represent, among other NFL players, named plaintiff Mike Vrabel. I am personally familiar with Mr. Vrabel's interactions and negotiations with NFL teams regarding his services. I submit this declaration in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Preliminary Injunction.

Mike Vrabel

3. Mike Vrabel is an outside linebacker, whom the Pittsburgh Steelers drafted in the 1997 NFL Draft. Over the course of his fourteen-year career, Mr. Vrabel



has proven to be an elite outside linebacker in the NFL and was vital to the New England Patriots' three most recent Super Bowl championship teams. Mr. Vlabel was also instrumental in the Patriots undefeated 2007 NFL regular season, garnering a selection to the Pro Bowl and NFL All-Pro Team.

4. Mr. Vlabel has been a professional football player in the NFL since the Steelers selected him in the 1997 NFL draft, and I have represented him for the entirety of that time. As a rookie, Mr. Vlabel signed a four-year contract with the Pittsburgh Steelers, at the conclusion of which he entered the free agent market. During the 2001 NFL season, Mr. Vlabel signed with the Patriots, for whom he played eight NFL seasons. During the 2009 NFL season, the Patriots traded Mr. Vlabel to the Kansas City Chiefs. At that time, Mr. Vlabel was in the final year of his contract. Mr. Vlabel then signed a one-year contract extension with the Chiefs covering the 2010 NFL season.

5. Mr. Vlabel's contract with the Kansas City Chiefs expires on March 3, 2011, at which point he will not be under contract with any NFL team. Therefore, Mr. Vlabel should be allowed to pursue contract negotiations and sign with any team in the NFL.

6. If the NFL imposes a "lockout," however, all NFL teams, including the Chiefs, will refuse to negotiate with Mr. Vlabel about potential employment.

Irreparable Harm

7. Mr. Vlabel, as well as all other NFL players, will suffer irreparable injury under a "lockout" by the NFL. I know from personal experience as an agent that NFL players' careers, in general, are exceedingly short compared to other professions. I

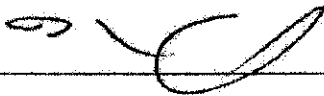
have seen many NFL players leave the NFL after only a short time, and, from my experience, I believe that the average career of an NFL player is less than four years. One important factor contributing to the extremely abbreviated career length for NFL players is the constant risk of career-ending injury. I have seen the careers of numerous players cut short or ended by severe playing injuries, suffered both in games and practice. In addition, the wear and tear on NFL players' bodies associated with just playing in the NFL is severe and diminishes the physical capabilities of players over time. I believe these risks are typical for every NFL player.

8. Indeed, a "lockout" by the NFL will threaten to rob Mr. Vrabel, and all other NFL players, of an entire year or more of their brief playing careers, which cannot be recaptured. The virtually constant need for NFL players to prove their skill and value on both the game and practice fields makes a "lockout" especially problematic. Missing a year or more of playing in the NFL can cause the skills of NFL players to become diminished from the lack of competition, making it difficult for them to regain the full talents they exhibited prior to the absence from play. This could shorten or even end the careers of NFL players. These harms are especially potent and severe for long-tenured veteran players like Mr. Vrabel.

9. In addition, for Mr. Vrabel and other NFL players not currently under contract, a "lockout" will also deprive them of new contracts that would be negotiated in a free market, whose precise terms will be impossible to recreate.

10. It is my belief that Mr. Vrabel, and all other NFL players, will not be able to fully recover from the harm they will suffer if they lose even part of an NFL season or off-season as a result of a "lockout."

Dated: March 9, 2011



Neil Cornrich